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Chaplain (Capt.) Dan Giorgi of the 12th Flying Training Wing places a Bible in the rucksack of Capt. Emil Rebik of Iraqi Assistance Group Foxtrot during training at Fort Hood, Texas, Monday. A Randolph team spent a few days with team Foxtrot members in advance of their deployment to Iraq. (Photo by Master Sgt. Lee Roberts)

Randolph team helps Fort Hood Airmen

Group raises morale among unit poised for new Iraqi ground mission

By Master Sgt. Lee Roberts
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Would morale waver if you only had a few days notice to move out for training, if you were bunked with 58 other people in a 1950s-style barrack, if you shared four showers, toilets and sinks, ate field rations and spent nearly every waking moment of every day in military uniform ... oh, and your next assignment was in combat?

Randolph's leadership speculated over these same questions last week when it learned 59 Airmen from numerous worldwide units are currently receiving combat training from Army instructors on the range at Fort Hood, Texas, in preparation for a new Iraqi ground mission.

"They aren't assigned to our base," said Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Page, 12th Flying Training Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant, "but they are 'blue,' and that makes them family. We decided we just had to check on them and make sure they were being taken care of."

So Sunday a team from Randolph visited these Airmen to ensure they had the support they needed

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Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Page
12th Flying Training Wing
Command Chief Master Sergeant

and to just visit in hopes of boosting morale.

The team consisted of Chief Page, Chaplain (Capt.) Dan Giorgi, Airman 1st Class Jenna Brie Place, chaplain assistant, Master Sgt. Todd Remington, family readiness NCO, Staff Sgt. Brett Abbas, life skills specialist, Chief Master Sgt. Bob Gagnon, vehicle operations functional manager at Air Education and Training Command, and Master Sgt. Marty Lund, superintendent of the Basic Combat Convoy Course at Camp Bullis.

The team met with the Airmen, addressed their concerns, and spent time with them learning about

their training and future mission in Iraq.

According to Lt. Col. Sharyn McWhorter, team chief of Iraqi Assistance Group Foxtrot now going through the training at Fort Hood, a small portion of the Airmen there are slated for existing NATO positions while the rest are going to support regional support units and geographical support units in Iraq once the team finally transitions into the war zone.

"We're going to help the Iraqi Army stand up their military bases and base support infrastructure. The Iraqis are just now setting up these structures. We're going to help make it happen," explained Colonel McWhorter. "We're going to be relationship builders. It's our job to use our skill sets to help them get pointed in the right direction as far as standing up organizational and base infrastructure. The ultimate goal is to make the Iraqi Army self sustaining so U.S. forces can eventually go home."

Before team members begin their missions in Iraq, they must complete training on 299 individual combat tasks at Fort Hood and then attend additional weapons qualification and cultural training en route to Iraq.

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12th Flying Training Wing Training Status									
Pilot Instructor Training <small>As of Monday</small>			Navigator, EWO Students				Wing Flying Hour Program		
			562nd FTS		563rd FTS		Aircraft	Required	Flown Annual
Squadron	Seniors	Overall	CSO/NFO	CSO	Graduate EWO				
99th FTS	-3.0	-0.9	USAF 257	OPS 46	International 0	T-1A	6373.5	6522.0	10,725
558th FTS	-11.0	-2.9	Navy 36	Advanced EW 17	EWC Course 0	T-6A	10199.7	10282.2	17,196
559th FTS	-1.3	0.1	International 3	Integration 0	Intro to EW 20	T-37B	3255.0	3355.2	5,796
560th FTS	0.7	-0.2	Total in Training 296		20	T-38C	5741.0	5844.9	9,937
<small>Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for senior pilot instructor training class and an average for all PIT classes currently in training.</small>			<small>Numbers reflect students currently in training. The 562nd shows source of combat systems officer students. Air Force students include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The 563rd indicates students in specific courses.</small>				<small>The required and flown numbers reflect hours flown between Oct. 1, 2005 to date. The annual numbers are total hours for fiscal year 2006.</small>		

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When those officials are unable to provide satisfaction, the individual may contact me through the Action Line. I will ensure each Action Line call is looked into and a reply is given by telephone or in writing. I ask callers to include their name and telephone number so we may send a personal response.

Col. Richard Clark
12th Flying Training Wing commander

Agency Contact Numbers

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DUI...
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March 18, 2006

Gas pumps not accessible

With the recent increase in gas prices, longer lines at the Randolph gas station seem to be the norm. In many instances pumps which service vehicles with right-hand side gas tanks are vacant, while the pumps which service the more common left-hand side gas tanks are three and four vehicles deep. Longer fuel hoses with retraction devices were originally installed when the pumps were new. As the retraction devices broke, they were not repaired, and shorter hoses were installed which contribute to the waiting lines.

Lines discourage people from using the facility. This reduces shared profits for the base. Replacement or repair of the hoses on the right-hand gas tank service pumps to make them longer would help reverse this trend.

Lastly, many other military gas stations are open 24 hours a day for

credit card customers, but Randolph isn't. Again, this reduces the profit share of the gas station revenues and impacts service for the Randolph community.

Great questions! Because it's the easiest to answer, allow me to respond to your last question first. While Randolph pumps may not be manned 24/7, they are, with the exception of one hour for changeover, open and operating 24/7. In fact, Randolph pumps have been open for after-hours credit-card purchases since November 2004.

As for your second point, the reason for the shorter hoses really boils down to safety. The pumps were fitted with the nine-foot hose you currently see in order to prevent vehicles from hitting or getting otherwise entangled with them. The shorter hoses also prevent spills, excessive tubing wear, and keep the tubing from touching or resting on the ground when not in use.

As for the convenience part, I certainly appreciate that the shorter hoses can cause some inconvenience if your gas tank is on the left side. However, we have looked at this and, depending on the size of your car, the hoses have proven to be long enough to be used by a left sided tank if you come around the back or just over the top of the rear of your vehicle.

Unfortunately, if you own a larger car, like I do, you will have to wait for the pump that best serves the left-sided tank. This is an unfortunate side-effect of the one-way-in, one-way-out configuration of our gas station. I think you will notice, though, that even when the lines appear to be long, they still move steadily and it actually takes you less time to get through the queue than you might first think.

In the end, we ask all patrons to remain patient and courteous while waiting for a pump and enjoy some of the lowest priced gas in the area.

Spouses deserve our thanks every day

By Col. Richard Clark
12th Flying Training Wing commander

As many of you know, we celebrate Military Appreciation Month in May, an entire month dedicated to honoring the men and women who give fully of themselves day in and day out to protect and defend this great Nation of ours.

An important part of this month-long celebration is today's observance of Military Spouse Appreciation Day. Without the love and support of our spouses, most of us would not be where we are today.

That is definitely true of me and my wife, Amy, and I am extremely grateful for the sacrifices she has made throughout our lives in the Air Force. Like most military spouses, she keeps our family thriving by being a mom, sometimes a dad, money manager, chef, hostess, innkeeper, chauffer, medical technician, repair person, interior



decorator, seamstress, gardener, coach ... I could go on and on. Between deployments, temporary duty assignments and long hours in the office, she has often been the sole caretaker of the most valuable thing we have ... our family, and she does it very well.

Today, we celebrate the sacrifices, the patriotism, the perseverance and the expertise of all military spouses. For the years of attending military functions, waiting up for the military member who is working long hours, running the house and raising the children while the spouse is deployed or away on

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temporary duty, multiple permanent changes of duty station, and the years of love, support and sacrifice, we salute you.

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Today

Master Sgt. Jose Franco

1st Manpower Requirements Squadron

Today

Senior Master Sgt. Daniel Goetz

AETC

Monday

Master Sgt. Paul Bains

Air Force Services Agency

Today

Master Sgt. William Richardson

AETC Computer Systems Squadron

Tuesday

Col. Anthony Imondi

AETC

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Randolph Roundup

Today is National Military Spouse Appreciation Day

How does your spouse support you in your military career?



Airman 1st Class
Andres Aponte
12th Comptroller Squadron

"My wife supports me in everything I do and always has my back. I love her very much."



Master Sgt.
Laura Merritt
340th Flying Training Group

"My husband is a great listener, and he makes me feel like everything I do is worth it."



Senior Airman
Ever Rodriguez
12th Flying Training Wing

"My wife has been very understanding during my military career. I was away for about two years before this assignment, and even with the long distance relationship, she was supportive of me."



Capt. Wendy Seaman
12th Operations Support Squadron

"We are a dual military family. We've supported each other by sharing responsibilities both with the house and the children."



Master Sgt.
Darnell Edmonds
12th Flying Training Wing

"I go TDY quite a bit. And even when I'm gone, my wife keeps the house running and keeps our boys involved in activities."

Spouses

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We owe the wives and husbands who support our military careers a tremendous debt of gratitude every day, but today is a special celebration as we observe Military Spouse Appreciation Day and put them squarely in the spotlight of some great activities planned around the base.

The commissary is sponsoring several events

from 9 a.m. to noon featuring food samples and exhibits by the Health and Wellness Center.

The Family Support Center hosts a free spouses' luncheon today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the ballroom. No reservations are required.

In addition, spouses of active-duty members bowl free at the Randolph Bowling Center today from 4-9 p.m. and can attend a free showing Saturday at 2 p.m. of the movie, "Failure to Launch," at the base theater including a complimentary drink and popcorn. I encourage everyone to attend these wonderful events

devoted to our spouses.

For those of you who can't attend these activities with your spouses, I ask that you take a moment on this very special day to tell your wives and husbands just how much you appreciate all they do for you and our country. Thank them for their love, support and commitment.

There is no doubt it takes a truly special person to be a military spouse, and on behalf of the Air Force and a grateful Nation, I offer each of you a heartfelt thank you.

NEWS



Tech. Sgt. Oscar Vega



Unit: Air Education and Training Command
Duty Title: NCO in charge, History and Research Office
Hometown: San Antonio
Hobbies: Working on cars when I get a chance.
Goals: Finishing school.
Greatest Accomplishment: Meeting my wife.
Personal Inspiration: My father.
Personal Motto: Don't say you can't, until you've tried.

Pet Peeve: People who don't use their turn signals.

Leader's Comments: "For almost three years, Tech Sgt. Vega has been the indispensable administrative and computer specialist who keeps the papers and 'electrons' moving in the AETC History Office. Tech. Sgt. Vega adds a professional touch to the product, whether it's a two-page electronic staff summary sheet or a 200-page special study. He has handled the publication of six major historical studies, which included hundreds of pages of text; numerous tables, charts, and graphs; and scores of digital images. In addition, he has refined the AETC/HO Web page, making it a much more user-friendly instrument. In short, Tech Sgt. Oscar Vega has made a major impact on the success of the AETC History Office and is truly one of Randolph's unsung heroes."

Thomas Manning
AETC Command Historian

To submit a junior officer, enlisted member or civilian employee for the Showplace Showcase column, commanders can send an e-mail to Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio at elizabeth.delvecchio@randolph.af.mil or call her at 652-5760 for details.

DD FORM 2220
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DD FORM 2219
NOT ENFORCED



Vehicle date stickers suspended

By Senior Airman Jonathan Simmons
Air Education and Training Command
Public Affairs

Air Education and Training Command officials announced May 1 command installations, such as Randolph, will not enforce the year tab (AF Form 2219) vehicle decal requirement until further notice.

This change makes it easier for Airmen to enter AETC bases during the current year tab shortage.

At press time, 12th Security Forces Squadron officials said the unit has current year tabs in supply and encourages those with expired stickers to renew them.

The Air Force has experienced a prolonged shortage of DoD vehicle registration stickers (DD Form 2220) and year tabs. The shortages were caused by vendor and supply issues. Although the supply of registration stickers is reaching sufficient levels, the year tab supply is still below demand.

"With no solution readily available, I'm implementing a command-wide policy

directing AETC installations to not enforce year tab requirements until further notice," said Lt. Gen. Dennis Larsen, AETC vice commander.

"This move will not affect the security of the bases," said Lt. Col. Stephen Spurlin, AETC Security Forces Operations branch chief. "...because installation entry controllers will continue to require ID checks for all vehicle operators entering each base."

"Installations should continue to order AF Forms 2219 and issue them when possible to help AETC Airmen avoid delays entering other DoD installations," said General Larsen.

Security Forces squadrons on AETC installations co-located in the vicinity of other DoD installations will work with their counterparts to obtain agreements to eliminate any difficulty entering those other installations during this shortage. Randolph does not have an agreement with Fort Sam Houston. Security Forces officials encourage those people who frequent the base to obtain a current year tab.

Allvin becomes vice commander

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

The new 12th Flying Training Wing vice commander took office this week replacing Col. William Watkins, who temporarily filled the position over the last several months.

Col. Dave Allvin comes to the wing after an assignment as a special assistant to the director of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon, Washington D.C.

"I'm looking forward to working here," said the colonel. "Everything I've seen so far of Randolph shows the marks of really professional people. I'm excited to be here."

The 1986 graduate of the Air Force Academy is a command pilot with more than 4,300 flight hours in more than 30 types of aircraft, primarily in airlift operations. He has more than 800 hours in flight testing of airlift and combat aircraft.

In looking back on his 20-year career the colonel said it would be



Col. Dave Allvin

difficult to pick one single most exciting event.

"The highest point in every assignment was getting the mission accomplished," he said. "I really felt proud of the people on my crew when we could wrap up a day's work with another successful mission."

"It didn't matter whether we were delivering a load of cargo in a C-141, flying a successful refueling mission in a KC-135 or completing a test objective at Edwards AFB, it always took teamwork and the whole team shared in the success."

During his assignment at the Pentagon, Colonel Allvin was intimately involved at the Joint Chiefs of Staff level with development of the Quadrennial Defense Review. His primary area of emphasis for the QDR was developing the idea of building partnership capabilities among the various military and civilian agencies of government, he said.

"That means learning how to really work together, to share the burden and the resources to accomplish the tasks," he said. "That's a new kind of emphasis that starts at the highest levels of government."

Colonel Allvin and his wife, Gina, have three children, nearly 4-year-old twins Francesca and Grant, and two-year-old Reagan.

NEWS BRIEFS

Housing RV lot gate gets new lock

Base housing office officials announced that a new lock will be installed on the housing recreational vehicle lot entry gate May 31. Those who qualify to use the lot can get a new key at the housing office.

Items placed in an assigned space in the RV lot without authorization, such as motor vehicles or debris, will be removed at the owner's expense.

The Housing Office will be closed for an official function today from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and May 19 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

AF mandates virtual out-processing

All Airmen undergoing permanent change of station moves, retirements or separations are now required to use the virtual out-processing application available through the virtual military personnel flight.

To enter the vMPF, log onto the Air Force Personnel Center's secure Web site located at <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afpcsecure> and view the checklist on the individual actions menu.

The online process eliminates paper checklists and most in-person out-processing requirements.

Base clinic closure

The 12th Medical Group closes Wednesday from noon to 4:30 p.m. for training.

Communications squadron closed

The 12th Communications Squadron will close May 19 for an official function.

Medical care for travelers

A new process is now in place for all beneficiaries enrolled in San Antonio military treatment facilities who need medical treatment while traveling outside the San Antonio area.

Beneficiaries traveling in the United States can call the consult and appointment management office at 1-800-443-2262. During duty hours select option 1 followed by option 4. During after duty hours, select option 5. This will connect to the San Antonio patient assistance line where a nurse will ask pertinent questions, determine whether emergency care is required and provide appropriate directions.

A call to the patient assistance line is not mandatory before seeking help in a true emergency, but must be followed within 24 hours by a call to the patient's primary care manager to ensure that continuing treatment is arranged as needed.

International affairs briefing

International affairs career field officials will conduct a special briefing on the new career field May 25 from 1-3 p.m. in the Air Education and Training Command Logistics briefing room in Building 581. The briefing is for all civilian and military members interested in getting more information about opportunities in this newly designated career area.

For details, visit www.iaprograms.com.

PA offers Memorial day poster

The 12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs office has a Memorial Day poster available for base work centers to display during May. The 14-inch by 22-inch poster announces the National Moment of Remembrance that takes place May 29 at 3 p.m. to honor America's fallen service members.

People can pick up a poster while supplies last in the 12th FTW PA office in the west basement of Building 100, the Taj Mahal.



Master Sgt.
Jimmy Jones



Master Sgt.
Charles Mills



Tech. Sgt.
Adalberto Velez



Sandra Reeh



Lesley Castillo

Randolph personnelists earn Air Force honors

Staff Sgt Beth Del Vecchio
Wingspread staff writer

Five Randolph personnelists were honored with Air Force-level recognition when the service announced its mission support awards for 2005 May 2.

In addition, the 12th Mission Support Squadron received the Outstanding Military Personnel Flight Achievement Award and Air Force Personnel Center received a Special Recognition Award for Outstanding and Dedicated Service.

"My folks have done tremendous work and made significant contributions to the mission of the 12th Flying Training Wing, the Air Force and our nation," said Lt. Col. Robert Jackson, 12th MSS commander. "Under the leadership of Capt. Angela Hunter, they met every challenge with excellence epitomizing the unit's vision of providing showcase support to the showplace of the Air Force."

Senior Master Sgt. Jimmy Jones, AFPC Skills Management Branch superintendent, won the General Robert J. Dixon Personnel Award, which recognizes individuals who perform duties as an "action officer" involving programs of significant concern to the personnel community.

During 2005, Sergeant Jones administered 18 Air Force-level enlisted programs that processed more than 2,000 retraining and 30,000 reenlistment packages. By directing surplus airman into short manned fields, Sergeant Jones saved the Air Force more than \$350,000 in unused class seats, said AFPC officials.

Sergeant Jones said he owes his success to his leadership giving him the responsibility and freedom to accomplish good things and to his team for giving him what he needed to do his job well.

"Senior Master Sgt. Jones exemplifies the true spirit of the Dixon Award, he has positively impacted the future of Air Force personnel programs with his initiative and ingenuity," said Chief Master Sgt. Christine Williams, AFPC Skills Management Branch chief. "He is a phenomenal asset to the team."

In his spare time, Sergeant Jones organized 27 Habitat for Humanity volunteer groups and 13 Adopt-a-Highway groups.

Master Sgt. Charles Mills, NCO in charge of Force Structure Assignments at AFPC, was awarded the

Outstanding Air Force Personnel Manager of the Year Award.

Sergeant Mills spent half of 2005 deployed to Iraq. While deployed, he managed and personally audited 235 joint positions to ensure an overlap of troop arrivals and departures, ensuring mission readiness and ease of transition.

While stateside, Sergeant Mills helped to restructure a training course at Fort Bliss. His suggestions led to the reduction of the course from two weeks to one, saving the Department of Defense \$1.2 million annually, said AFPC officials.

"Master Sgt. Charlie Mills is a warrior, teacher, mentor and coach. I believe he is ready and can handle any challenge," said Fred Beard, Airman Management Branch chief. "His unquestionable loyalty to the team and mission, makes him an incredible asset to any unit or community."

Sergeant Mills also helped raise more than \$10,000 to repair five baseball fields and supply score boards for the Greater Randolph Little League. As the Little League Baseball President, he mentored more than 600 children.

Sergeant Mills said the new fields helped to keep kids off the street.

"The smiles on the kids faces was a great reward for all of our hard work," said Sergeant Mills.

Tech. Sgt. Adalberto Velez, Air Force education and training manager, won the Dr. Edwin C. Peterson Award at the headquarters level, which recognizes individuals for outstanding achievement and important contributions in education and training functions.

Sergeant Velez worked directly with 85 other military personnel flights to resolve base and unit-level on-the-job training discrepancies. He managed all training matters for 40 different career fields and provided guidance to more than 15,000 education and training managers and career field managers during 15 Utilization and Training Workshops.

Sergeant Velez is the president of the Randolph Hispanic Council and NCO Association Chapter. He was also awarded his Community College of the Air Force degree this year.

Sergeant Velez said the fact his leadership took time to write his package and put it in for an award is what meant the most to him.

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Immigrant crosses into blue

By Maj. Ann Knabe
379th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFPN) – Six thousand miles away from her native country of China, Yi Liu knew she wanted to make a name for herself in America.

She grew up in a small copper mining town in the province of Canton and immigrated to the United States in 2003. At the age of 21, she lived with her family in a “box-sized” apartment in San Francisco’s Chinatown.

“I was thrilled to be in the United States,” said Airman 1st Class Yi Liu, who is assigned to the 379th Expeditionary Services Squadron “Grab and Go” flight kitchen. “We waited 12 years to move to America, and I had a whole new country, whole new world and whole new life of opportunity in front of me.”

Opportunity knocked when Airman Liu met an Air Force recruiter.

“I was so impressed with her sharp blue uniform and professional image. She was everything I wanted to be ... resolute, confident and helpful. I wanted to be just like her and open up my wings,” said the Airman from Cannon Air Force Base, N.M.

Airman Liu realized the Air Force was a way to achieve her dreams while giving back to her new country. But it wasn’t easy.

“Can you imagine what it is like to be deaf and dumb?” she said. “That’s how I felt in basic training. Not only was I trying to adapt to the tough physical and mental requirements, I was also learning English as a new language.”

Although basic training and technical school were challenging, Airman Liu passed with flying colors, earning an award for excellence along the way. Within a year, she earned her 5-level qualification, learned how to drive and bought a car. More importantly, she became a U.S. citizen, and found self-confidence and identity in her Air Force job.

“I know I play my own special role in the global war on terrorism,” she said. “And this is satisfying, but I want to give more.”



Airman 1st Class Yi Liu immigrated from China to the United States in 2003 when she was 21 years old. Shortly after, she joined the Air Force. She is now assigned to the 379th Expeditionary Services Squadron at a forward-deployed location. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Now stationed in Southwest Asia on an Air Expeditionary Flight rotation, Airman Liu continues to seize opportunity and growth.

“I’m picking up new English words daily, and, in turn, am helping Air Force linguists practice Chinese.”

Others have noted Airman Liu’s commitment to excellence. Her squadron recently named her “Warrior of the Week,” and she voluntarily teaches a Chinese language class. Airman Liu believes this will help her reach her ultimate goal, to serve as a linguist in the Air Force.

“More than ever, I feel alive,” Airman Liu said. “The Air Force has given me wings to fly and today I am doing what I can to help with this critical overseas mission. In the future, I expect to give even more.”



CELEBRATING
**ASIAN-PACIFIC
AMERICAN
HERITAGE
MONTH**
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Tech. Sgt. Jasmin Blackburn
Air Education and Training Command
network administrator

Born and raised in the Philippines, Sergeant Blackburn came to the United States at the age of 20 and joined the Air Force eight months later. She is married to an active duty member and has two sons.

“I will always remember where I came from. This is a special opportunity for me to celebrate my rich culture with others on base.” (Photo by Steve White)

Greeting the troops

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld greets Master Sgt. Jonathan Hover, 447th Air Expeditionary Group Personnel Support for Contingency Operations office, at Sather Air Base, Iraq, April 27. Sergeant Hover is deployed from the Air Force Personnel Center. During his visit, Secretary Rumsfeld and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice met with Iraqi government officials in Baghdad. (Photo by Master Sgt. Will Ackerman)



Free summer camp sign-up deadline nears

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – Even though the registration deadline is only a week away, there’s still room for military children to attend an “Operation Purple” summer camp free of charge, according to National Military Family Association officials.

Applications are available online, and officials emphasized they will be accepted only through Monday.

NMFA’s Operation Purple camps provide children from military families opportunities to learn new skills for managing deployment-related stress, officials said. The free summer camp program, sponsored this year by the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation and TriWest Healthcare Alliance, was created in response to the need for increased support for military children.

Operation Purple is the only summer camp program that focuses on helping kids deal with deployment-related issues. Each camp is “purple,” meaning it is open to children of any member of the uniformed services, including the Coast Guard, and the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Applications and camp details are available at www.operationpurple.org.

Randolph children are encouraged to attend the camp located in Texas, since travel expenses are not reimbursed. The camp, held at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood, Texas, runs June 4-9 for children ages 11-13 and June 13-17 for teens ages 14-18.

Camps are offered in 23 states: Alaska, California,



Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington and Wisconsin.

For more information about the Texas preteen camp, contact Marilyn Prause at mprause@ag.tamu.edu. For more information about the teen camp, contact Ruth Beaudry at ruth.beaudry@samhouston.army.mil.

Tornado trauma



Staff Sgts. Eric Stailing and Jeffrey Gray, 12th Medical Group medical technicians, attend to a simulated victim during a base major accident response exercise May 4. The exercise tested the wing’s ability to respond to a severe weather disaster. (Photo by Steve White)

Award winners

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“Tech. Sgt. Velez is the most complete NCO I’ve seen in my 23 years of service. He never misses a beat; mentoring, volunteering, leading by example, the list goes on and on,” said Senior Master Sgt. Saint Carter, AFPC Education and Training Branch superintendent. “This is his second Air Force-level award in three years, and well deserved.”

Sandra Reeh, Air Force Manpower Agency Performance Management Division chief, was awarded the Manpower and Organization Award for Professional Excellence.

Ms. Reeh led the team who developed, tested, implemented and collected the data from the 2005 Air Force Climate Survey. The survey information was used to develop more than 10,000 reports for Air Force leadership.

“The survey is the voice for everyone out there,” said Ms. Reeh. “The intent is that the results help unit commanders to improve.”

Ms. Reeh also led numerous manpower studies which resulted in developed criteria, for Air Force-wide implementation, to fill critical positions in the best way for the Air Force.

Ms. Reeh led efforts contributing to the Air Force Idea Program improvements which projected \$350 million lifecycle savings for the Air Force.

“Ms. Reeh’s passion for excellence and lead-by-example management style has brought

acclaim for her and her staff from across the Air Force manpower community,” said Ruby Manen, Air Force Manpower Agency executive director. “Her total commitment to doing what’s right for the Air Force is evident in the success of the many manpower programs she manages.”

Ms. Reeh is a long-standing Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union board member. She established a program that provides mentorship and financial training for youths.

Lesley Castillo, AFPOA Human Resources Specialist, was awarded the Outstanding Personnel Manager of the Year award.

Ms. Castillo is in charge of solving pay issues in support of 136,000 civilians. She also resolved pay problems for more than 100 deployed individuals and developed and implemented a process change that will eliminate problems, said AFPOA officials.

Ms. Castillo said pay issues are a big deal for anyone but even bigger for the deployed troops.

“Sometimes they don’t have easy access to check on their pay and they have to depend on a spouse if they have one,” said Ms. Castillo. “That is a big deal on top of everything else they have to deal with. I am glad I can help.”

Ms. Castillo’s superiors said her recognition is well-deserved.

“She tirelessly works the most complicated pay issues until a resolution is met,” said Kathy Hidalgo, Civilian System Requirements Office chief. “Her functional knowledge of the pay system is well known throughout the DoD community. We are proud to have her as part of the AFPOA team.”

CCAF announces fifty-seven spring graduates

The Randolph Community College of the Air Force graduation ceremony took place May 2 in the officers’ club.

Fifty-seven graduates were recognized. The graduates are:

• **Air Education and Training Command**

- Master Sgt. Steven Goldman
- Master Sgt. Patricia Howlett
- Master Sgt. Jeffrey Simpson
- Master Sgt. Lino Pruneda
- Tech. Sgt. Christopher Gent
- Tech. Sgt. Diane Hotaling
- Tech. Sgt. Lamar Thomas
- Staff Sgt. Carla Bailey
- Staff Sgt. Jason Joyce
- Staff Sgt. Eric Mixon
- Staff Sgt. Brenda Guerrero
- Airman 1st Class Joseph McNeely

• **12th Flying Training Wing**

- Master Sgt. Chevone Franklin
- Master Sgt. Jammie Space
- Tech. Sgt. Tedd Ells
- Tech. Sgt. Stephanie Flemming
- Tech. Sgt. Clifton Garner
- Tech. Sgt. Ryan Gause

- Tech. Sgt. Jolynn Scandrol
- Tech. Sgt. Leslie Wodtke
- Staff Sgt. Daniel Barber
- Staff Sgt. Kevin Davidson
- Staff Sgt. Desiree Day
- Staff Sgt. Patricia Manzur
- Senior Airman Fabian Benson
- Senior Airman Amberley Mullens
- Senior Airman Jessica Sherrod
- Airman 1st Class Quinshayan Richardson

• **19th Air Force**

Chief Master Sgt. Leonard Shore

• **340th Flying Training Group**

Master Sgt. Eduardo Medina

• **559th Flying Training Squadron**

Staff Sgt. Kelli Bostian

• **Joint Personal Property Shipping Office**

Master Sgt. Phillip Johnson

Staff Sgt. Joan Scott

• **Air Force Manpower Agency**

Staff Sgt. Latonia Brown

• **Air Force Office of Special Investigations**

Special Agent Dion McCleese

• **1st Manpower Requirements Squadron**

Tech. Sgt. Anthony Meek

Tech. Sgt. Gloria Roberts
• **Air Force Personnel Center**

Master Sgt. Perry Deyarmond

Master Sgt. Loretta Poe

Master Sgt. Frederick McGill

Tech. Sgt. Lance Williams

Tech. Sgt. Tracy Deason

Tech. Sgt. David Bennett

Tech. Sgt. Aldaberto Velez

Staff Sgt. Celie Pettway

Staff Sgt. Marina Rybacki

Staff Sgt. Sarah Torres

Staff Sgt. Danielle Sims

• **Air Force Recruiting Service**

Master Sgt. David Isham

Master Sgt. Richard Dehoney

Tech. Sgt. Terrance Hagan

Staff Sgt. Ericka Frazier

• **Retired, Separated or Permanent Change of Station**

Master Sgt. C Stoker

Master Sgt. Cynthia Woodruff

Master Sgt. Larry Gonzales

Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Krumenauer

Staff Sgt. Jason Lambert

Tops in Blue showcase music, dance

By Armando Perez
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Tops in Blue, the Air Force’s premiere entertainment group, performs at Randolph June 3 at 8 p.m. between Hangars 4 and 5.

Bleacher seating and folding chairs will be available to audience members on a first-come, first-served basis. Guests may bring their own blankets and chairs as well. Doors open 45 minutes before the show begins.

This year’s show, entitled “What’s Love?” includes a mixture of music from the 1960s to today.

“Tops in Blue presents a fun-filled performance putting their own spin on a variety of hits by Tina Turner, Huey Lewis, Barry White, The Temptations, Trisha Yearwood, Alan Jackson, Rod Stewart and Kelly Clarkson,” said Shelta Reese, 12th Services Division marketing director. “This year’s show is sure to have something for everyone.”

The group also pays homage to Airmen and their families for serving the nation with with an array of famous patriotic music, said Ms. Reese.

Tops in Blue is one of the oldest and most widely

traveled entertainment groups of its kind, composed of 35 vocalists, musicians, dancers and technicians.

Each year, Air Force personnel stationed worldwide compete in a competition to become a member of the Tops in Blue. The team’s training prepares them to succeed as world-class entertainers and distinguished Air Force Ambassadors, said Ms. Reese.

The performers must not only master the instrumental, vocal, choreography and staging requirements of the performance, but also the responsibilities of being their own technical staff. Under the guidance of five technical personnel, the performing team is responsible for setting up more than 40,000 pounds of equipment required for each performance.

Tops in Blue will visit bases in the United States and more than 25 foreign countries. Their tour schedule includes entertaining forward-deployed troops in the middle east.

The Randolph Tops in Blue performance is sponsored by AT&T, Coca-Cola and Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union.



Bright future

The Randolph Enlisted Wives' Club recently awarded 10 scholarships to students during a ceremony held at the enlisted club. The students were awarded \$1,500 each. The winners were (left to right) Nichole Jenora Beatty, Aric Tirrell Jackson, Danesha White, Jacqueline Foster, Nichole Henry, Christopher Kilbourne, Jade Gonzales and Emily Rose Blauvelt. Not pictured are John Edward Hash and Natalie Nichole Hoenen. The \$15,000 in scholarships is collected from the profits of the base thrift shop jointly managed by the enlisted and officers' wives' club. (Photo by Don Lindsey)



Volunteer of the Year



Frank Roberts, a base volunteer, helps a customer at the relocation assistance center. Mr. Roberts was awarded volunteer of the year April 28 during a ceremony at the family support center. He assists customers weekly with the loan locker and uniform closet. Mr. Roberts also keeps the family services and permanent change of station information areas up to date and organized. He has been a volunteer on base since 1998. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio)

CS/NAV pulls through for win against MSS



Steve Lanzola, 12th Communications Squadron/Navigators, goes up for the kill against Joe Cua (No. 12) and Clay Corlew, 12th Mission Support Squadron, Tuesday during an intramural volleyball match. (Photo by Steve White)

By Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio
Wingspread staff writer

The 12th Communications Squadron/Navigators squeaked past the 12th Mission Support Squadron by a score of 15-12 in the tie-breaker game of an intramural volleyball match Tuesday.

With the match tied at one game apiece, and the score tied at 11-11, Steve Lanzola led the 12th CS/NAV to victory with three kills in the final four rallies. He had 12 kills total in the match.

MSS took the first game by outscoring CS/NAV with a 12-5 run down the stretch for a 25-16 win.

CS/NAV took the court strong in the second game with a 12-2 run early in the contest to build a sizable lead enroute to a 25-16 victory to force the deciding game.

The final game was close, with a one point difference between the teams throughout most of the game until Lanzola got hot to ice it.

“We re-emphasized our fundamentals and shifted our rotation which resulted in a different match-up of people against the other team,” said Rob Reed, CS/NAV coach, of his team’s game two and three wins “The changed rotation allowed us to successively exploit mismatch alignments and further attain advantage.”



Intramural Volleyball Standings

as of Wednesday

TEAM	RECORD
AETC/A2	8-0
12 CS/NAV	7-2
12 OSS	5-3
AFPC	4-4
12 MSS	4-5
AETC SAS	2-5
AETC/SG	2-6
12 MDG	0-7



Intramural Bowling Standings

as of Monday

Team	W	L
AFPC	156	92
AETC/LG	144	104
RATS	143	105
AETC/CSS	142	106
AMO	140	108
AFSVA	138	110
SVS	136	112
OSS	134	114
JPPSO	132	116
AFPOA	132	116
CS	130	118
AFMA	127	121
SFS	125	123
AETC/FM	122	126
DFAS	120	128
AFPC/DFSG	106	142
AFSAT	105	143
CPTS	90	158
MED GP	80	168
340 FTG	70	178

TEAM SCRATCH SERIES

Team	Score
AFPC	3080
AFPC/DFSG	2960
SVS	2849

TEAM HANDICAP SERIES

AFPC/DFSG	3350
CPTS	3285
AFPC	3227

TEAM SCRATCH GAME

Team	Score
AFPC	1064
AFPC/DFSG	1040
CS	996

TEAM HANDICAP GAME

Team	Score
AFPC/DFSG	1170
CPTS	1151
CS	1135

SCRATCH SERIES

Men	Score
Kirk Mason	666
Chris Goelz	659
Kevin West	653

Women	Score
Norma Jarvinen	635
Heather Hellmann	555
Lori Trainor	535

HANDICAP SERIES

Men	Score
Jim Miller	780
Mitch Mitchell	707
Steve Hicks	697
Women	Score
Sheila Lawrence	686
Jo Ann Rowan	659
Lupe Hernandez	655

Winning round

High school golf team members advance to regionals

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

Three Randolph High School golf team members qualified for the Class 2A regional golf championships held recently.

The three students who played in the tournament were Audrey Sitterly, Jessica Cornish and Jared Cornish. The tournament took place April 24-25 at Quail Creek Country Club in San Marcos.

Audrey, a senior, shot a 92 on both days of the event for a series of 184, placing second in the individual medalist category. She placed ninth out of 93 golfers overall.

Audrey has qualified for the regional tournament for the past three years.

“My dad is a golf enthusiast and got me interested in the game,” Audrey said. “I really like the challenge and have enjoyed playing with the high school team for the past three years.”

Jessica, a freshman, captured third place in the individual medalist category with rounds of 103 and 98 for a 201 series. Jared, a sophomore, shot rounds of 84 and 76 for a 176 series, and finished in eighth place.

“All three of these young athletes did a fine job in representing Randolph High School,” said Mike Miller, Randolph Ro-Hawk golf coach.



School golf team members (left to right) Audrey Sitterly, Jessica Cornish and Jared Cornish drive a golf cart at the Randolph Oaks Golf Course after practice. (Photo by Dave Terry)

Fitness center offers weekly body toning class

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

The fitness center offers a weekly class to help people tone their body and strengthen muscles without bulking up.

The body toning class is held every Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. in the aerobics room at the fitness center.

“The class helps the person create a symmetrical look,” said Theanne Long, class instructor. “It’s good for beginners or experienced weight trainers, offering a full body workout.”

During the class, attendees work with free weights and an elastic band, performing various weight lifting exercises to strengthen the arms, legs and core.

A lot of benefits come from taking the body toning class regularly, said Refia Grant, fitness coordinator.

“Everyday tasks, such as lifting and carrying things or even walking up stairs will become easier, since the class helps you

improve your muscle strength, power and endurance,” she said. “The class also helps increase flexibility, reducing the risk of muscle pulls and back pain.”

Class participants should also see a boost in their metabolism, and a reduction in body fat, she said.

“While your overall weight may not change, you will gain muscle and lose fat,” Ms. Grant said. “Over time, you should also notice a decrease in waist and body fat measurements.”

Ms. Grant said the way a person sits and stands are influenced by the health of the neck, shoulder, back, hip and abdominal muscles working together.

“Stronger muscles can help you stand and sit straighter and feel more comfortable doing so,” she said. “An improvement in balance and stability may also result from the class.”

Anyone who has access to the base can take the body toning class.

For more information, call 652-2955.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Military golf tournament

The 14th Annual Military Golf Tournament takes place May 27-29 at the Randolph Oaks and Lackland Gateway Hills golf courses. The cost is \$115 in advance and includes green fees, cart, refreshments and prizes. Entry forms are available at both golf courses. The entry deadline is May 20. For more information, call 652-4653.

Transportation week golf tournament

A golf tournament to commemorate National Transportation Week takes place May 19 at the Northern Hills Golf Club. Registration is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. There is a \$50 entry fee, which includes a cart, balls, green fees, buffet and beverages. Applications are available at http://home.att.net/~alamondta/-golf_flyer_may06.htm. For details, call Richard Pearson at 410-7621.

Beginner golf program

The Randolph Oaks Golf Course offers a PGA program to beginner adult golfers. Charles Bishop, PGA teaching professional, conducts the program. For more information, call 652-4653.

Passport to Fitness

The “Passport to Fitness” program begins June 1 at the fitness center. During the program, participants accomplish tasks on a checklist such as trying out different fitness equipment or taking classes. After an item is complete, a passport stamp is issued. Once a card is full, a prize is awarded. The program ends June 30. For details, call 652-2955.

Water aerobics

The center pool offers free water aerobics classes beginning June 5 on Monday and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m.

Swim lessons

Registration for swim lessons for children ages six weeks and older begins May 23 at 9 a.m. at the ITT office, Building 897. The cost is \$25 per session for season pass holders and \$50 per session for all others. For class dates and times, call 652-6508.

Mini biathlon

The fitness center hosts a mini biathlon June 17 at 8 a.m. at Eberle Park. The event consists of a 5-kilometer run and a 10-mile bike ride. To register, call 652-2955.

Fitness classes

The fitness center offers a variety of fitness classes throughout the week including cycling, step aerobics, body toning, kickboxing, pilates and yoga. For details, call 652-2955.